

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Case Number

0506-0026

Case Title:

Ferguson Enterprises Inc.

Reporting Office:

Detroit, MI, Resident Office

Subject of Report:

Interview of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), Detroit Human Rights Department

Activity Date:

August 19, 2010

Reporting Official and Date:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C), RAC

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SYNOPSIS

08/19/2010 - U.S. EPA CID Special Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) interviewed (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), Manager II, Detroit Human Rights Department.

DETAILS

On August 19, 2010, U.S. EPA CID Special Agent (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) interviewed (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), Manager II, Detroit Human Rights Department. Also present during the interview was Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Chutkow and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), Deputy Corporation Counsel, Detroit Law Department. After being informed of the identity of the interviewing agent, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) provided the following information:

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C): (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), Redford, MI, 48470; DOB: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) cell: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C); office: (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) has been employed with the Detroit Human Rights Department (HRD) for the past ten years and is currently a Manager II. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) has held the titles of Affirmative Action Supervisor, Manager II, Diversity Supervisor and Attorney Advisor.

The manager over the certification process reported to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) until then Director (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) retired. Under (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) replacement, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was given all of the duties of a Manager II including overseeing the certification process. This was not an official or announced transfer of duties but rather something that became apparent to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) over time. When issues arose regarding certifications (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) would email (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) but would never get a reply. At one point (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) told (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) no longer reported to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regularly had closed door meetings with just the two of them.

(b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was not aware of a list of contractors which were not to be approved for certificates. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) definitely would have followed guidelines in issuing certificates. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) heard that exceptions were made for companies but doesn't know the names of the companies or if they were truly given preferential treatment. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) did not confide in (b)(6), (b)(7)(C).

The HRD may have revoked one or two certificates during (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) tenure and definitely would have contacted the business and likely the Law Department if they were going to revoke a certificate. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) handled the processing of the certification applications.